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In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicant hereby attaches U.S. Patent Office form PTO-1449, including a copy of the prior art references listed therein. The references were cited in the Japanese Office Action dated December 11, 2001 of the underlying Japanese patent application. Enclosed is the Japanese Office Action, together with an English translation of the relevant portions thereof. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

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